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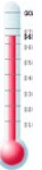
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Pastor's Perspective...



by Pastor Dan Hansen

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better...."
Luke 10:41 & 42

- 1) On our "Summer of Gifts" Sunday School... Wow... this has been special! Nanette's 72 different Sunday school courses have really showcased how amazingly gifted the family of Faith Community Lutheran is! Each Sunday morning, during the Sunday school hour (9:45-10:45), members have been teaching courses related to their areas of interest, skill or occupation. Each course is tied to Scripture with a Bible verse or text. Unique courses are offered for all ages, each week. It's been a lot of fun..... and a real blessing!
- 2) On our recent VBS... Once again our church enjoyed a remarkable week of love and laughter and learning in Jesus' name. What a joy this year to spread "the action" throughout our new education wing! In case you missed it, our "Good News Clues" theme included a total participation of kids and adult and teen volunteers – all 111 of them!

Lots of energy and excitement in the air during those three mornings, which included projects and singing and always... snacks! Many thanks to Nanette and her amazing crew of hard-working volunteers!

- 3) On our Workcamp Sunday July 29th... Please join us as we celebrate the ministry of our 46 work camp youth and their 16 outstanding (!) adult sponsors through songs and stories and PowerPoint pictures. We've had a long and strong history of serving on summer workcamp mission trips. A special thanks to Sililo Woo Ching, who is always the most popular dad in camp(!) for his cheerful, energetic and passionate witness as leader of our group. Once again, we thank God for our church, which has been so very supportive of this wonderful outreach ministry, and we thank God for the privilege of sharing the love of Jesus with those who need help and God's healing.

4) **On our fall budgeting process...** It's hard to believe, but at our council meeting this past Tuesday, we already began reminding ourselves that we want to soon begin our budgeting process for the 2008 budget. Our church budget is probably somewhat similar to your family budget — we can't always get everything we want! Once again we pray that the Holy Spirit would lead and guide us that we might be faithful to God's plan and purpose for our church!

5) **On our new Wednesday "Fire-Pit" gatherings...** Join us around the fire pit for fire and fellowship and fun and singing and scripture and s'mores and sunsets! John Christianson is doing an awesome job of leading us. Spread the word.... all you and families are welcome every Wednesday at 7p!

6) **On staff additions and transitions...** A big "thank you" to **Diane Sell** who has graciously agreed to increase her hours to full-time in order to serve as "Interim Youth Director" in addition to directing our worship teams. Diane has 15 years of youth director experience as she served on staff at two ELCA Churches in the Twin Cities. Diane will be coordinating our youth calendars and recruiting volunteers...but you can be sure she has new ideas as well. Thanks to so many of you for stepping up so quickly in our time of need!

Additionally, our new "**Youth Ministry Task Force**" has been busy visioning for our youth ministry. Again we give thanks for **Doug Inskeep**, who has graciously agreed to chair this group comprised of **Youth Chair, Jesse Demmel, Diane Sell, Victoria Ruiz, Jonathon Timms, Terry Schemmel, Sililo Woo Ching, Mike Krantz, Cindy Hansen, Nanette Goings, and new member Kristy Moore** who served as youth director at her previous ELCA church in New Hampshire. What an "all-star" team! They have been surveying youth and parents in our church, but you are also welcome to email them vision and ideas at youthtf@fcllc.org

Regarding our new **Parish Associate position...** Our Hiring Committee has been busy reviewing resumes from 12 applicants! Please pray for **Tracy Rothe**, who is **chairing** this committee, and members Federico Ruiz, Hanorah Anderson, Jill Krantz and I as we begin interviews on Thursday August 9th.

Additionally, we owe a huge thank you to **Mandy Wormke** who has graciously continued to serve as our Nursery Coordinator as we've been sorting through our staffing priorities and interviewing new applicants for this position.

7) **Cindy's health...** thanks for all the prayers. Quite honestly, it's been kind of a hard 10 weeks as Cindy continues to require a "wound vac" to aid in the healing of some surgery in April. We keep reminding ourselves to be thankful that this is not cancer, but it is kind of discouraging and tiring dragging this equipment around everywhere. Yet we pray for those in our midst who have much more serious health issues.

8) **On our worship attendance this year...** I'm pleased that it continues to grow (511 last weekend!) and that we are enjoying modest growth over last year. But as I mentioned last month, I confess I have gotten way behind in visiting visitors and I believe this is a must for me. Furthermore, I've gotten way behind in contacting members that we have not seen in recent months. I continue to ask for your forgiveness and patience.

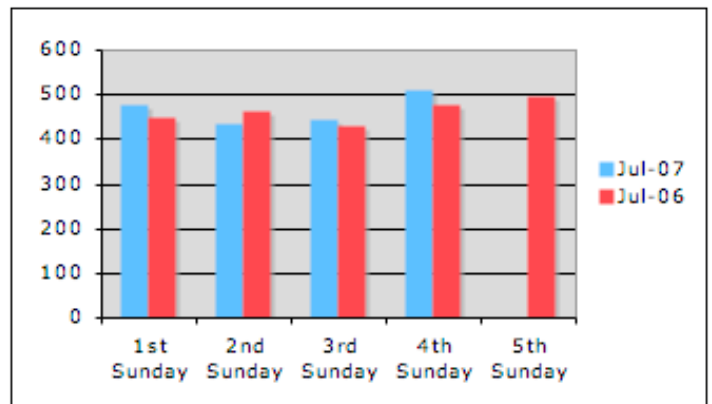
Your partner in ministry,
Pastor Dan



Attendance

Worship Attendance

	Jul-07	Jul-06
1st Sunday	477	447
2nd Sunday	435	465
3rd Sunday	445	432
4th Sunday	511	475
5th Sunday		495





by Pastor Bruce Welander



Beads of sweat were beginning to form on my brow, and my stomach felt queasy. My breathing was shallow, and I felt very strange.

It wasn't a heart attack... and it wasn't a panic attack. No, actually it was a time of panic, because I had just discovered that something was wrong with my computer, and I was not able to receive any emails!

No emails! I was cut off from reality! How could I function? I had just switched to DSL, with a new company, and it had worked so well for fifteen days, but now...

Even after 45 minutes of trying all sorts of things, including a lengthy consultation with my computer guru Harlan Olson, the situation was no better. Harlan felt that something unusual was going on and suggested that I call my internet service provider.

Because of my schedule that day, I couldn't make that call until several hours later. I was not looking forward to it. For me, one of life's most difficult tasks is to try to communicate with a communications company.

Unfortunately, I was not incorrect in my sense of foreboding. For about thirty minutes, I was forced to listen to recorded music, messages and "menu choices," but five times this routine was interrupted by brief conversations with live human beings. Every single one of them ended up transferring me to someone *else*. I spelled my last name and stated my telephone number five different times, but I was still getting no answer as to why my email reception, which had worked wonderfully for fourteen days, was now invisible on the fifteenth.

Finally, something good happened. My phone got disconnected. Fortunately, an employee had given me a number to call "just in case" I got disconnected. This of course suggests that it happens a lot. When my own disconnection occurred, I then called the number I had been given, and found that it was the same number

I had first called half an hour earlier. This time, however, I got someone else on the line, and a major breakthrough occurred when he asked a very pertinent question.

His question to me was: "What state are you in?" I was tempted to respond by saying "a state of confusion" or "going mildly crazy" or something like that. But of course his reference was geographical. When I said "Colorado," it was magic. "Oh," he responded, "we've had a problem there today. Your computer is fine. Our people are working on this problem. Please try it again in about four hours."

As I write this, a day later, things are even more fouled up than they were yesterday, but my beads of sweat are gone, and I am at peace. God is good. I will wait... and hope against hope.

Ironically, I had just been working on a sermon for the following Sunday with an illustration from an article in the *Time-Call*, in which local writer Leif Beilen (who had recently switched to DSL himself) urged that we not allow "communication" to rule our lives. The specific sentence I wanted to quote was this: "We need to make sure we are not so busy doing things that we don't get things done." He then went on to say, "Reading emails...is not always a value-added activity." My experience precisely!

Here's the point of all this: I have decided to communicate much *more* with our Creator, even if it means *less* time on the internet. I want to spend far more time in Scripture than in emails. As my sermon that Sunday suggested, we can all live less-cluttered, more Christ-centered lives.

Also, keep this wonderful good news in mind: "God so loved the world that he didn't send an email."

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Bruce Welander

FCLC Annual Picnic

WHEN: August 26, 2007

WHERE: Hover Park

TIME: 4:00 – 7:00 PM

All food & beverage will be provided!!!!

Just grab your chairs, blanket, appetite, & smiling face for this year's FCLC Picnic!! You won't want to miss out this year. There will be games for ALL ages, fun stuff like volleyball, tennis, horseshoes, snakes, ultimate Frisbee, kickball game, 3-legged races, gunny sack races, a parachute, tug-of-war, and of course Crawdad Fishing!!! And if you don't want to play games, there will be plenty of just hanging out & chatting with your fellow FCLC family members; just watching all the kids is a joy in itself!!

Games will start at 4:00, Food will be served at 5:30, Crawdad fishing will start around 6:15 (please, no fishing until then).



This year's menu is going to be an awesome treat!! We have the Spanish Church, Rios de Agua Viva, making all the food for us!! It will be a Mexican Fiesta!

Please sign up in the narthex by August 19th. If you are interested in helping, you can either check the box on the sign-up sheet or call/email Kaydene [303-651-9479](tel:303-651-9479) / wksae@msn.com. We also are looking for people who may have pop-up tents for shade, please let either Kaydene or Sally know if you have one we can use for the day.

PS – Kids do not need to bring crawdad fishing poles or bait, it will all be provided.



August Wedding Anniversaries

August 1

Brad & Margi Davis – 21 yrs
Miguel & Jamie Mendez – 10 yrs

August 3

Craig & Sherry Chaney – 22 yrs

August 4

Jeff & Lori Bladt – 17 yrs

August 6

Bill & Renee McDermid – 24 yrs
Ty & Sari Cito – 13 yrs

August 8

Greg & Susan Moller – 27 yrs
Wayne & Kaydene Hubert – 16 yrs

August 12

Chuck & Annette Carlson – 18 yrs
David & Jill Brown – 12 yrs

August 13

Dustin & Ashley Bourgois – 2 yrs

August 14

Paul & Mitzi Storaci – 22 yrs

August 15

Trevor & Sherri Platt – 15 yrs

August 17

Dan & Kathy Griffiee – 16 yrs
Larry & Cindy Palm – 16 yrs

August 18

Ron & Donna Wormke – 40 yrs
Mike & Jill Krantz – 23 yrs
John & Mary Timms – 23 yrs

August 19

Dale & Renee Goertz – 18 yrs
Chris & Shannon Holstine – 18 yrs

August 20

Rick & Linda Blackwell – 30 yrs

August 21

Mike & Wanda Gwinn – 36 yrs

August 23

Jonathan & Valerie Jones -- 10 yrs

August 24

Matt & Julie Olson – 5 yrs

August 25

Bob & Stacia Keller – 32 yrs

August 26

Harvey & Marilyn Jackson – 45 yrs

August 27

Danny & Kandace Bourg – 2 yrs

August 29

Gary & Ann Yost – 37 yrs

August 31

Wendell & Marsha Tollefson – 60 yrs
Ralph & Beverly Morgan – 55 yrs
Curt & Tami Musfeldt – 10 yrs

FCLC Christian Education News



Summer of Gifts Sunday School for All Ages!

It's not too late to jump into Faith Community Lutheran's own Summer of Gifts Sunday school each Sunday morning from 9:45-10:45 am during the month of August. Check out the easel in the church narthex to discover the unique classes taught each week by gifted FCLC instructors. Each Sunday you may choose from 5-7 different classes, with at least one course offering for each age group.

"Have you ever felt that theology is "above" you?" Have you ever wondered why Lutherans believe some of the things we do believe? Have you ever longed to talk some of that over with other thoughtful Christian women? Do we have the class for you! The Thursday (formerly Wednesday) Women's Bible study will begin discussing the book, "Luther's Down to Earth Gospel" on Thursdays beginning September 6, 9:30-11 am. Cost of the book is \$10. To order by August 19, contact nanette@fclc.org



"10,000 Steps" Walking Program Again!

Beginning September 9, and continuing for 9 weeks, the Health and Wellness Committee of Faith Community Lutheran Church will be sponsoring a **10,000 Steps Team Fitness Challenge**. So, during the month of August, start breaking in a new pair of tennies, purchase a pedometer and find 4 or 5 friends to be your teammates. For more information, and to sign up your team, check out the Health and Wellness bulletin board by the staff office. Registration deadline is September 2.



Do you love to garden? Does planting seeds, watering them and watching them thrive give you a thrill? Have you ever considered helping "nurture seeds of faith" in children? If so, the Christian Education Ministry needs YOU! **Sunday School volunteer training** will be taking place on **Saturday, August 26, 10-11:30 am** at church. Please contact Nanette nanette@fclc.org if you would like more information.



Confirmation Orientation for all middle school students AND parents! Wednesday, September 5, 6-7:15 pm. Acolyte sign-up will also take place that evening.

GOT QUESTIONS?

Director of Christian Education:

Nanette Goings

nanette@fclc.org

Education Chairperson:

Rhea Hoops

hoopsrd@msn.com



“Writing in the Margin”—a short book of surprising essays on a wide variety of subjects by FLC member Christine Larsen Goble – just out. Available at www.Amazon.com or from Chris at 303-834-8121. Some of our members have already read it. Ask around for a candid review.

Dates to Remember

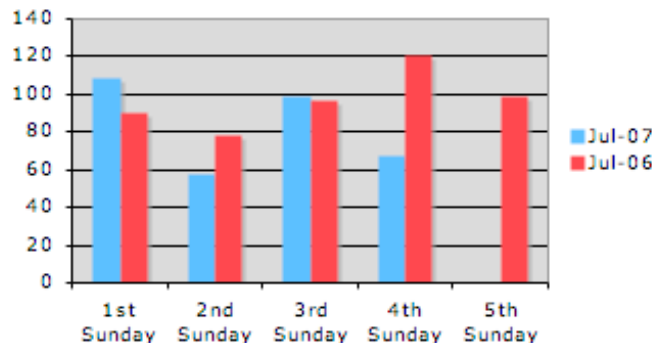
August 7	9:00-9:45 a.m.	KneeSitters’ Club (Preschool-2nd grade story time, crafts, snacks)
August 14	9:00-9:45 a.m.	Last KneeSitters’ Club for the summer!
August 25	10:00-11:30 a.m.	Christian Education Volunteer Training Meeting
August 26	9:15-11:00 a.m.	(Last Sunday morning of each month) Blood Pressure Check (room 210)
September 1	8:30-9:30 a.m.	(Every Saturday morning) Fit Ball Bible Study
September 2	No Sunday School (Labor Day Weekend)	
September 5	6:00-7:15 p.m.	Confirmation Orientation for all middle schoolers AND their parents
September 9	8:15 a.m.	Installation of all Christian Education volunteers
September 9	9:45-10:45 a.m.	Rally Sunday
September 9		10,000 Steps Walking Program begins

Sunday School Attendance

Attendance

	Jun-07	Jun-06
1st Sunday	108	90
2nd Sunday	57	78
3rd Sunday	99	97
4th Sunday	67	121*
5th Sunday		99

*New members 4th Sunday in 2006



Outreach News

Outreach Focus for August

FCLC Outreach has designated August as Homeless Awareness Month. Longmont has a new organization, HOPE, whose mission is to reach out and connect with the homeless and their families. HOPE (Homeless Outreach Providing Encouragement) is a year-round street outreach program seeking out those who "fall through the cracks" and are unable to use the services from the OUR Center or the Boulder Shelter. HOPE also distributes dinners in the form of "sack-lunches" on Fridays & Sundays from 6-9pm. More information on this organization can be found at the "Outreach Corner" (SW corner of the Narthex) or at:

www.hopeforlongmont.org and www.hopeforlongmont.org/Hope2/Hope2.htm

In hopes to reach out to the homeless people in our community, we have a list of outreach opportunities available to you. In order to make it a success, we need your help! If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Tway at (303)775-2024 (nancytway@yahoo.com)

- ☐ Sock Drive – Throughout the month of August, we will be collecting new socks (Adult size) to distribute to the homeless. Please drop these off at the "Outreach Corner"
- ☐ Sack Lunches – On the 3rd Sunday of every month, FCLC will be making 15-20 "sack lunches" for the homeless. These will be made in the morning and distributed that evening. Our first Sunday is August 19 and we will continue to do it all year long.
- ☐ \$5 Food Card Challenge – As you sit at a stop light, do you feel awkward seeing a homeless person with a sign asking for help? Overcome your fears by keeping food cards in your car to hand out to those in need. The FCLC Outreach Committee will be providing a limited number of \$5 Food Cards (to McD's & Wendy's) to FCLC members for this purpose. A "Resource Card" will also be provided for handing out to the homeless. Hopefully this will help you get started in a good habit of reaching out to those in need!



The Habitat for Humanity (H4H) of the St. Vrain Valley is an amazing Christian organization geared to reach out to people in need by building affordable houses in Longmont. More information can be found on their website at: www.stvrainhfh.org. Their current worksites

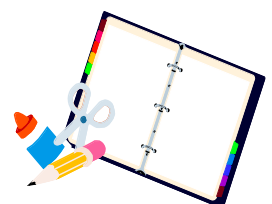
are in SE Longmont in the Quail Ridge Development (1328/1334 Carriage Dr.) FCLC Outreach partnered with them many years ago and is a strong supporter of all that they do. ***Please consider getting more involved with the community of Longmont by volunteering your time on one of the following days.***

Sat., Aug 18 at 11:15am: FCLC will be providing lunch for the 30-40 volunteer workers. We need people to help pre-make a "Hearty Italian Meal". This includes main dish, salad, bread, and dessert. We also need 4-5 people to serve the meal as well as someone to bring a cooler full of drinks. If you can help with this, please contact Veta Hartman at (303)678-1489 (or hartmanv@comcast.net)

Sat., Sept 29 from 8am-4pm: FCLC Outreach would like to get a group of 10 workers to volunteer to spend their day working on building a house. Since it is often "on the job training", volunteers can have little or no skills as they work along other skilled workers. This is a wonderful fellowship opportunity too. Bethlehem Lutheran (Longmont) and Mt. Calvary Lutheran (Boulder) churches will also have groups of people there on this day, so it's a perfect opportunity to meet other Lutherans in the community! If you're interested in this project, please contact Tami Musfeldt (tami.m@comcast.net)

Thank YOUs

A BIG Thank YOU goes out to all those who graciously donated time, money, and school supplies to the Lutheran Family Services (LFS) 2007 School Supply Drive held last month. FCLC provided many "loaded" backpacks full of supplies for LFS to deliver to the Foster and Refugee Children in their program.



Changes in FCLC Outreach Support

The FCLC Outreach Committee has made some decisions to change the church's financial contributions and support. Below is a list of the ministries that are affected by these changes. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tami Musfeldt (tami.m@comcast.net) or Karen

Odegard (lkodegard@msn.com).

Karen Gabe – Missionary, China

As many of you know, FCLC Outreach has been supporting Karen Gabe for the past few years by sending her a portion of FCLC First Fruits offerings. She has been an ELCA-sponsored teacher in China for the past seven years. However, in May 2007, Karen Gabe resigned her position (effective July 1) due to conflicting beliefs with the ELCA. Thus FCLC will no longer be supporting her financially.

Wingshadow/New Vista School Fort Collins, COLORADO

In 2004, FCLC Outreach began partnering with Wingshadow to provide outreach and support for troubled youth in Fort Collins. In the Summer of 2006, Wingshadow closed. At this time, the site was turned over to New

Vista School. Unfortunately, in July 2007, this school had to close its doors and thus FCLC will no longer be contributing money to them.

Hurricane Katrina Support New Orleans, LOUISIANA

Since "Grace has been Saved" (see article below), FCLC Outreach is currently in the process of moving our support from Grace Lutheran Church to Bethlehem Lutheran Church in New Orleans. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Sharp (m6sharp@aol.com). Also, if you are planning a trip to New Orleans, please consider worshipping at either one of these churches. We'd love to hear about your experiences too!

Grace-NOLA: 5800 Canal Blvd. --

Bethlehem: 1823 Washington Ave.

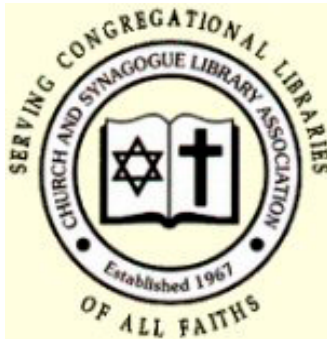
GRACE HAS BEEN SAVED

FCLC partnered with Grace Lutheran in New Orleans (Grace-NOLA) in their recovery efforts following the 2005 Hurricane Katrina and subsequent flooding. Our financial gifts totaled over \$20,000 during a 1½ year period. A work crew of six FCLC members visited in March of this year doing additional hands-on work. At that time it was apparent that Grace was in good shape to carry on their ministry to their members as well as reach out to the larger community. Faith can rejoice with them and praise God that we were able to share their burden at a very dismal time in their history. More information on Grace-NOLA's progress can be found on their website at www.gracenola.com/news.htm. Also, an article of interest from the ELCA News Report (dated July 6, 2007) can be found at: www.elca.org/news/releases.asp?a=3635.

In light of the aforementioned, FCLC Outreach Committee has re-evaluated our financial support for Grace NOLA. At the urging of Dr. Wee, past president of Grace, and the personal testimony of the March FCLC work crew, we agreed to focus attention on Bethlehem Lutheran. Our financial assistance to them is intended to complement their efforts in the redevelopment of the Uptown Community where many of their members live.

Bethlehem Lutheran is the only predominately African-American ELCA congregation in New Orleans. It is located in one of the poorest sections of the central city. The church itself did not experience the damage of the flooding that devastated so much of New Orleans but the area was hit hard by the winds of Katrina and many of the members' homes were damaged. Immediately following Hurricane Katrina, Bethlehem stepped in to help by housing and feeding work crews coming from all over the nation. When Grace and Bethlehem recently shared a meal with a visiting work crew Dr. Wee described it this way - "We immediately clicked on a personal level, a congregational level and, of course, a spiritual level." We pray that FCLC will be blessed in this way as we desire to be a blessing to Bethlehem. To God be the Glory – Great things He hath done.

LIBRARY NOTES:



Church and Synagogue Library Association OUTSTANDING CONGREGATIONAL LIBRARY AWARD

is presented to

Faith Community Lutheran Library
of Longmont, Colorado

Lois Ward, Librarian

given on this fifteenth day of July, in the year Two Thousand and Seven.

Maryann Dotts Barth, President
Judith Janzen, Administrator

The first conference of CSLA was held in Philadelphia in 1967, so it was appropriate that the 40th anniversary conference met in the Inn at Valley Forge on July 14-17. It would have been even more wonderful if all the many, many members of Faith Community Lutheran Church who have contributed so much to make this library outstanding could have been there to hear the words of praise and commendation from the Awards Committee.

"This award is given to a church or synagogue that has responded in creative and innovative ways to its mission of serving members of the congregation and/or the wider community. The library served by Lois Ward is described [*in the nomination submitted by Nanette Goings and the library committee*] as having an 'amazing' collection and becoming a 'welcoming, state-of-the-art hub' of the church and the community. The library was expanded when a new sanctuary and educational facilities were constructed, allowing for growth in the collection. Volunteers work in all phases of the library's operations, assisted by Concourse Book System software. The library provides resources for the congregation and the pastoral staff and recently promoted a reading program that contributed to a Katrina-flooded Lutheran Sunday School in New Orleans." Following these words, Kay Mowery, Awards Chairperson, also read excerpts from the letter from Nick Olson that was part of the nomination. Those of you who have read his letter on the bulletin board in the hall will know why it made such a hit with the audience of hard-working, devoted librarians. A power-point presentation included pictures of the church and library ... and Nick ... that Nanette had submitted.

It is truly a library and its congregation who are honored with this particular award. Very few libraries have the enthusiastic and wide-based support that Faith has given to its library. I would fill pages if I tried to name every member who deserves a commendation in this award. I feel truly blessed to have had a part of the library's development. It's been a privilege and a joy!

As a CSLA member for 35 of its 40 years, I've had ample opportunity to work with dozens of the more than 2000 congregational libraries currently represented. A few are very large, but most are of modest size with dedicated librarians who recognize the potential for service in a library. They are usually volunteer librarians with little or no experience in operating a library or building a collection. CSLA was founded and dedicated to supporting, training, and sharing knowledge and comradeship with these volunteers. FCLC provided an inspiring example for 60 'first-timers' who attended the conference. Lois Ward



CIRCUIT READERS ALERT!!! Please be sure that all books you have read are recorded on your 'saddle bag' book list. The librarians want to be certain that we credit you with every book you read!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, is the last day to return books for prizes! Over 400 books were completed by more than 60 readers by July 15! **KEEP READING ... Let's double that number!**

F.L.Y. (Faith Lutheran Youth) **Pages**

Who is this lady doing Youth Ministry at my church?

Hi there friends, it's me – Diane Sell... you know... the lady that sings up in front with Steve Mason and those other people?

First let me say that Kris Baltrum is an amazing gal that did some wonderful ministry with you all during her stay here. She was and still is my friend, and I personally will miss seeing her bubbly face around church saying "You rock my world!" We both are youth group "junkies" who occasionally would put our heads together to dream up new and exciting things for all of you here at FCLC.

In her absence, I have agreed to help keep her dreams and the hopes and dreams of all at FCLC moving forward. I am currently working with a number of you to plan and execute ideas and help turn them into realities for this next year! We have a Youth Task Force that has been doing some "big picture" work on the future of Youth Ministry at FCLC. I am sitting on this committee, as well as some youth to help represent YOU!

God's spirit is alive and well, and in the name of Jesus we move forward knowing that He will help and guide us.

I am in the office at the church Tuesday-Thursday consistently. So, if you would like to stop in to say "Hi!"...I would LOVE THAT! Janelle (in the office) also knows my cell number, so you can always reach me on that as well!

Senior High (9th -12th grades) Friday Night Flick night

will be held at Mike and Alicia Stover's home (1408 Mapleton Circle) on August 3rd from 7-10pm. There will be a movie, there will be food, there will be recreation! Bring a friend or not... but come join us and catch up with your friends!



is happening at a city near you!

When: Friday, August 10th for Senior High only

Meet: at church, of course!

Time: 9:00am - 6:00pm

Cost: \$22.99.9999 (this will include gas which is about ten bucks a gallon now) and those lovely faces of the adults that will be acting like kids with you! Make checks out to FCLC please!

Bring: a bag lunch, drink(s) we will have a few coolers along!

- ⚙ Do I have to say a swim suit and towel or is that a given?
- ⚙ A friend, but you must sign them up ahead of time
- ⚙ A cheery disposition!

How do I sign up? Good question... thanks for asking!

- ⚙ If you want to go in August (Senior High only) please call Diane Sell at 303-489-2923, or send me an email diane@fclc.org
- ⚙ If you get a voice message, please leave your name and a phone number where we can reach you!

Can I sign up last minute? I would prefer not! We are getting drivers and all that good stuff, so please respect this deadline! Senior High deadline is Friday, August 3rd

Permission slip: will need to be signed by a parent when they drop you off at church or you could print it off of the website, have the parents sign it, bring it with you that morning and be ahead of the game!

Hope to hear from you soon!

"Fire Pit" through the summer—
Join us around the fire pit for fire & fellowship
& fun & singing & scripture & s'mores
& sunset. John Christianson is doing an
awesome job of leading us.
Spread the word...all youth
& households are welcome
every Wednesday at 7:00
pm! Join us and catch up
with your friends!



WORKCAMP COMMUNICATION

Work Camp 2008 Kick Off Meeting

It's time again to decide WHERE and WHEN
we should go to for Workcamp 2008. If you
are interested in participating in WC 2008,
please come to the meeting Sunday, August
5th, 2007. This is a very important meeting
for all parents AND youth.

Where: Sunrise Room – 226

When: 12:15-ish p.m.

Meeting Agenda:

- Where AND When will we go to
Workcamp in 2008? Registration for
camps is due in September.
- Workcamp Cost
- Fundraising Activities and Ideas

Who Can Participate? Work Camp 2008 will
be a High School Camp

Any youth with the following criteria:

- High School student
- 8th grader this Fall 2007
- Turn 15 years old in 2008

What is Work Camp?

Workcamp is a 6-day adventure (sponsored
by Group Workcamp Foundation) that allows
our youth to make a lasting impact on the
homes and hearts of elderly, disabled, and
disadvantaged people. Specific projects
you'll complete may include:

- Constructing porches or wheelchair
ramps
- Interior and exterior painting
- Building or repairing steps
- Weatherization
- Other minor home repairs

No constructing experience is required! Your
youth will learn valuable home repair and life
skills as they provide relief and restoration
to aging and weather damaged homes.
Together you'll make new friends, hear new
stories, and share a few of your own. You'll
sweat together-all while having the time of
your lives.

You don't have to be a handy man or woman
to touch the lives of those whose homes are
in desperate need of repair!

If you have any questions, please call or
email Sililo @ 303-678-0138 or swc258@
yahoo.com

Youth Committee being Formed!

Beginning in August, representatives from
grades 6-12 will sit on the Youth Committee,
which will meet the second Tuesday of the
month – the same as the other church
committees and council. These kids will
also rotate sitting in on the church council
meetings each month for the first ½ hour.
These youth will aid adults in planning
activities, retreats and trips that will happen
throughout this next year. While some kids
are still being contacted, the following have
currently agreed to participate on this thus
far. Of course, we would love ALL of you on
this committee, and if you really feel that you
would like to do so please contact me. But
until then, these are your representatives.
SO, if you have some ideas/things that you
would like to do please connect up with one
of the following people:

6th Grade: Logan Inskeep, Michael Sell

7th Grade: Jason Irvin, Phillip Lerum

8th Grade: Acacia Lisse, Ben WooChing

9th Grade: Tara Jurgensmeyer

10th Grade: Aaron Praska, Craig Cogdill

11th Grade: Matt Hansen, Travis Parsons

12th Grade: Meghan Audley

†Adult rep for Middle School: Erin Borchert

†Adult reps for High School: Mike Stover and
Sililo Woo Ching

†Council Rep: Jesse Demmel

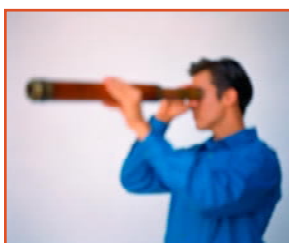
†Staff: Diane Sell

T.I.M. (Teens in Ministry) Team...

is a leadership team that will be trained to work with younger kids in ministry this next school year at church. This is open to all 9th-10th graders. We will have our first meeting Sunday, August 12th at 6pm in the Youth Room! Come join us and check this out!

Looking ahead: Wednesday Night Live Kick-off Event: CRAZY OLYMPICS!

When: September 12th
beginning at 6pm!



Middle School Event: Regressive Dinner

When: Sunday September 9th

Time: 5-8pm

Meet at church and you will head out from there!

Sign up will be on the youth board located outside the church office beginning August 15th! Bring a friend!

Senior High Fall Retreat!

Theme: "Community"

When: September 28 – 30, 2007

Where: Sky Ranch Camp

Cost: \$45.00

This will be a great opportunity to grow in faith and grow closer to one another and God! You don't want to miss out, so put these dates on your calendar now. Sign-ups for the retreat will be held mid-August.

August Birthdays!



August 1

Connie Backes

Logan Bowers

August 2

Jeanette Wittmer

John Petersen

Kimberly Dukart

Aaron Wait

Jared Svejda

August 3

Almina Ringdahl

Torey Goldfarb-Taylor

Aaron Hartman

Brian Palm

Dakota Lewis

August 4

Sarek Lee

Nathan Spiegel

August 5

Frank Svejda

Aaron Foster

Tommy Peeples

Kalyna Lewus

August 6

Chris Holstine

Taylor Tatham

August 8

Erin Gunther

Krysta McMikle

Marit Gjælde-Bennett

August 10

Laura Lewis

Michael Schaff

Jonathan Timms

August 11

Monte Ott

George Kotula

Scott Smallwood

August 12

Harold Whitefoot

August 13

Christina Woo Ching

Maria Woo Ching

August 14

Lukas Storaci

Sarah Wormke

August 15

John Meier

Briana Weber

Nathan Johnson

August 16

Leslie Lubovich

David Sell

Austin Hunting

August 17

Gary Grabau

Matt Sharp

Brian Miller

Stacy Adams

August 18

Lindsay Spiegel

Jonathan Moller

Nathaniel Moller

Haakon Irej

August 19

Mark Flowers

Jill Woo Ching

Ella Lien

August 20

Susie Groshong

August 21

Ed Broestl

Julie Olson

Andra Mesch

August 23

Josephine Vece

Daniel Magyar

Rhett Krafczyk

August 24

Ken Parker

August 25

Tom Lewis

Greg Moller

August 26

Allison Whittern

August 27

Mitch Carson

Rick Blackwell

Laurie Dirkes

Kirk Olson

Brianna Boos

Nic Rozek

August 28

Kathleen Cirbo

Joshua Jones

Aaron Olson

August 29

Ralph Morgan

Mike Hoops

Gabrielle Musser

August 31

Amy Jordan

Mollie Bonds



Women of Faith Conference

Amazing Freedom September 21-22 2007

Location: The Pepsi Center

It is not too late to sign up for this wonderful weekend! We currently have 34 women signed up, but we still have room for you! We will be in the Press Box and so there is room to get up and move around.

Contact Diane Sell at the church if you are interested in attending. The cost is \$55.00 for the weekend. Please make your checks out to FCLC and get them in ASAP! 😊

P.S. Beth Moore is speaking at the pre-conference on Friday, September 21st. Millions of women have studied the Scriptures through her best-selling Bible studies (*Believing God*, *Breaking Free*, and *Jesus, the One and Only*, just to name a few). Now you can hear her live! Beth will teach on walking out your faith. Join her as she explains how to take your beliefs ***“From the Pages to the Pavement.”*** It’s an experience you won’t want to miss!

**Join us from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. for this in-depth teaching event.
It’s the perfect way to kick off your conference weekend**

WORSHIP TEAM CORNER

A big “thank you” to all of you who have given of your time over the busy summer months to help lead worship. It takes more than musicians, you know. Our amazing sound crew, led by Kathy Griffiee; our VPU input gal, Ella Lien; and coordinator of all the VPU operators, Stephanie Mason... all these work “behind the scenes” each week to enhance our worship services.

Looking ahead to fall...

We are will be introducing some new music again this fall for the congregation. The “busy bees” are at work locating and practicing and getting it all ready for you.

If, in your travels, you worship at another church and find something that you would like us to try at Faith, grab their bulletin and that piece of music (if possible) and then please write me a note and stick it in my box outside my office!

Many thanks and many blessings,
Diane Sell



by Diane Sell

All about Administration

from Susan Moller
Director of Business Administration



by Susan Moller

About.....Update on FCLC Finances

As of July 15, there has been some progress made on our general giving. It is now approximately 85% of our budget, and our expenses currently exceed our general offering by approximately \$10,000. Giving this year is about \$14,000 less than last year at this time. FCLC has always been and continues to be very blessed financially. As we are still in the midst of summer, please remember your offerings.

About..... Giving Statements

You should have received your mid-year giving statements by now. Please check them over and if you see any errors, please contact me so that we can correct them.

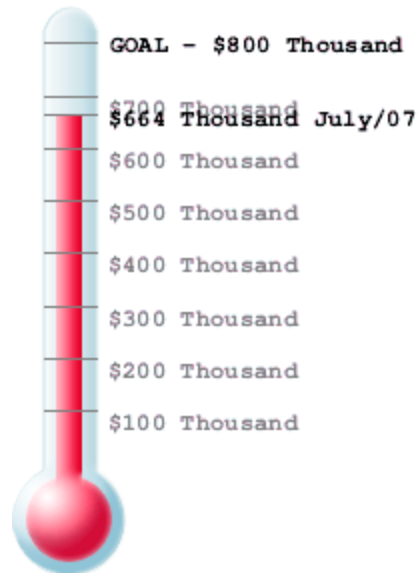
About..... Our New Education Wing Loan

We were able to pay \$10,000 extra toward our loan principal this month. Below is the update. Our goal is to have the loan on this project paid off by December 2007.

TOTAL Project Cost is \$800,000
Project began January 2005

\$664,869 has been paid through
July 15, 2007

Blessings,
Susan
Church office #: 303-776-8771
susan@fclc.org



Moms & More

Fellowship Group at Faith Community Lutheran Church

Join Us *Every* Wednesday Morning
From 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

For Bible Study*, Fellowship, and Fun!

On-site Childcare Provided

For more information contact:

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Mandy Wormke

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**Note: Come join us! We'll be starting a new bible study in September!*

From the administrative assistant's keyboard...

In His service,
Janelle Olson



You ride a Harley? I can't see you as "a Harley mama!" These are the comments heard from my friends and mothers of our young children here at church. Yes, I ride a Harley, but as a passenger, not a driver. Harlan & I ride with all of the safety gear one can buy, which makes me look like "a Harley grandma" and I'm proud of it!

On May 19th, Harlan & I began our trip: **RUN FOR THE WALL** in Limon, Colorado. Our "run" ended on Sunday, May 26th in Washington, DC, when we participated in "Rolling Thunder" – a parade of over 350,000 motorcycles that leads from the Pentagon parking lots and on to Constitution Avenue amidst the cheering of patriots lining the streets.

Run for The Wall is a motorcycle ride that begins in Ontario, California, and then weaves its way across the US in two routes: Central and Southern. This "ride" is not a rally, it is not a party, it is not "just" a ride; it is a **mission**. In 1988, two Viet Nam veterans traveled across the heartland of America on motorcycles, talking to local radio, TV, and newspapers about the fact that we had thousands of men and women still unaccounted for from all of our wars from WWII to the present. The need for this awareness continues today and RFTW continues this tradition every May.

RFTW is a welcome home, a renewal of friendships with both survivors and those on the Wall, a bonding. It is physically and emotionally exhausting, but in a very good way. Harlan keeps telling me how good it felt to "be loved on as a vet" as we traveled across the midsection of this country. (Harlan served in Viet Nam from November 1963 – November 1964 in the 3rd RRU – hence his email address: holson@oldspooksandspies.org) People lined up on the overpasses of the highways we traveled; they were holding American flags and POW/MIA flags, and standing at attention as we passed beneath them. I waved like crazy every time we saw them!

We had "God experiences" almost daily. Harlan's favorite story is about the St. Louis, Missouri, motorcycle police officers. Those men bid to escort the 700+ motorcycles through their city and to assist the RFTW road guards in stopping traffic from entering the freeways until the last motorcycle has passed the highway entrance. Near the outskirts of St. Louis, these officers sped past us in the left lane "in a big hurry." We soon learned why: They parked their motorcycles in formation at the side of the Interstate, and stood beside them and held a salute until all of us on the Run for The Wall had passed. I had goosebumps... Harlan couldn't even talk.

We had another "God experience" on Sunday, May 26th, as we were riding through West Virginia on our solo trip home. It began to rain (our first rain experience) and Harlan pulled into a driveway and stopped under a tree where we could put on our rain suits (no lightning!). A man came out of the house and told us to go into the garage and suit up. He walked to the garage and asked what we had been doing; Harlan explained the Run for the Wall. The man's name was Jim Puffenberger. He began to talk about his best friend who had "joined up" in the late '60s. Jim's friend went to Viet Nam and was killed in action. He & Harlan talked for a while; we could tell that he needed to talk to someone who could understand his loss of a best friend and comrade. We feel certain that God put us in Jim's driveway to spend time with him.

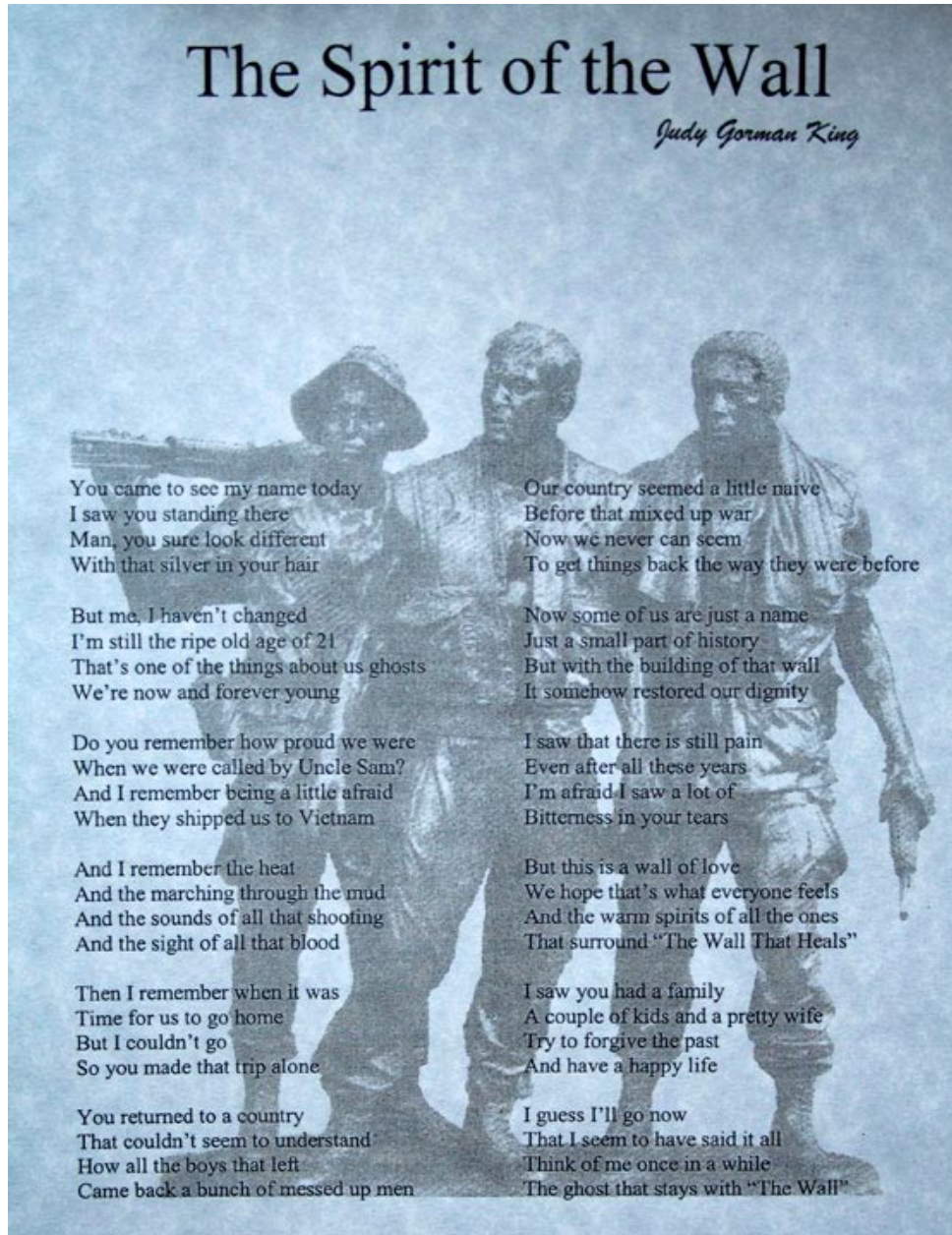
We visited VA hospitals in Kansas City and St. Louis, and were treated to "free fuel" that was donated by the VFWs and American Legions in our patriotic cities. The VFWs also provided most of our meals as we rode across our beautiful country. We had a mandatory meeting every morning of the ride at 7:30 am to review our ride for the day. Chaplain Dan led us all in prayer at the close of the meetings—for all those we would meet each day; that we would be seen by truck & car drivers; that we would be safe; it was the very last thing we did before climbing on the motorcycles. There were at least 4 chaplains on the Central route who were there for any of us to talk to, especially for the men who were making this ride for the first time and wanted to heal – finally.

I have compared the Run for the Wall to a Via de Cristo weekend. RFTW has a route coordinator, assistant route coordinator, chaplains, food and beverage team; road guards. VDC has a rector, assistant rectors, chapel team, food and beverages. The cost to ride from LA to DC – \$10 per person. The cost of a VDC weekend – \$0 – you pay it forward. RFTW had a platoon leader and assistant platoon leader for every 70-80 motorcycles. VDC has table leaders for every six persons. RFTW had 4-6 chaplains who prayed and talked and listened; three pastors serve on a VDC weekend. A group from California drove a conversion van and pulled a ten-foot trailer that held coolers of water and Gatorade; granola bars, crackers and cheese; small bags of snacks and we didn't have to pay for it, but they did accept donations. VDC has all of the same kinds of snacks and food – *PLUS* coffee, and you *never* pay for it!! The RFTW road guards were there to ensure our safety and guide us through traffic. VDC has a prayer team that lifts us up and ensures our safety and well-being, and prays for God's guidance in the weekend. Yup – it was a *God-thing* on this "mission" all the way across our beautiful country; VDC is a *God-thing* as you

experience renewal in Christ! We know that God was with us. Neither Harlan nor I experienced anything that scared us because we knew and felt the Lord's presence and your prayers.

Why do veterans from war have this yearning, this drive to find what they cannot put their finger on, to reunite, to feel a welcome home? Comrades gather because they long to be with the men who once acted their best, men who suffered and sacrificed, who were stripped raw, right down to their humanity.

So why did Harlan & I make this Run for the Wall? To ride for those who cannot, to remind the country that there are still POWs and MIAs out there. In the past 19 years, the remains of over 5000 persons have been recovered and brought home – from WWII, Korea, Viet Nam, Iran, Afghanistan, Iraq. Lest we forget... And Harlan *finally* got his official "welcome home!"



The Spirit of the Wall

Judy Gorman King

You came to see my name today
I saw you standing there
Man, you sure look different
With that silver in your hair

But me, I haven't changed
I'm still the ripe old age of 21
That's one of the things about us ghosts
We're now and forever young

Do you remember how proud we were
When we were called by Uncle Sam?
And I remember being a little afraid
When they shipped us to Vietnam

And I remember the heat
And the marching through the mud
And the sounds of all that shooting
And the sight of all that blood

Then I remember when it was
Time for us to go home
But I couldn't go
So you made that trip alone

You returned to a country
That couldn't seem to understand
How all the boys that left
Came back a bunch of messed up men

Our country seemed a little naive
Before that mixed up war
Now we never can seem
To get things back the way they were before

Now some of us are just a name
Just a small part of history
But with the building of that wall
It somehow restored our dignity

I saw that there is still pain
Even after all these years
I'm afraid I saw a lot of
Bitterness in your tears

But this is a wall of love
We hope that's what everyone feels
And the warm spirits of all the ones
That surround "The Wall That Heals"

I saw you had a family
A couple of kids and a pretty wife
Try to forgive the past
And have a happy life

I guess I'll go now
That I seem to have said it all
Think of me once in a while
The ghost that stays with "The Wall"

God's spirit is on me. He chose me to preach the message of Good News to the poor, sent me to announce the pardon of prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the burdened and battered free, to announce, "This is God's year to act!" Luke 4:18-19

Council Corner

Catch the Spirit!

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Our Council Members and Church Staff are always available to listen to the ideas and concerns of our members. Your input is invaluable in aiding the leadership of Faith Community Lutheran in determining the direction we should go in fulfilling God's mission for us. We welcome you to take part and share your vision.

- Council minutes are public record and kept in the Church Office.
- Council meets the second Tuesday of every month at 8pm. Meetings are open to the congregation.
- If you would like to be involved in any of the ministries listed above, contact the ministry chair.

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Mission Verse

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Luke 4:18-19

Our Vision

*In each of us burns a flame
so we gather in faith and
hope to reach out in love.*



Our Core Values

**To "Reach Out in Love"
as a church that is:**

- * Bible-centered
- * Prayer-centered
- * Worship-centered with blended
styles of music
- * Kid-Friendly
- * Visitor-Friendly
- * A Model of the Priesthood
of Believers
- * A Model of "First Fruits Giving"
(to various outreach projects)

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